

WORLD LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS ROME, ITALY

26th JULY – 2nd AUGUST 2009

Selection Policy

For any selection to be confirmed, all swimmers and team staff wishing to be considered for selection must have completed and returned a Declaration of Availability Form, as outlined in 3.14

The team will be identified from performances at the British Long Course Championships 16-20 March 2009, Pond Forge, Sheffield (the 'Trials') and the Scottish Nationals 25-28 June 2009, Glasgow.

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 1.1 There are 2 places available in each individual event.
- 1.2 FINA permits a maximum of 26 male and 26 female competitors.
- 1.3 The 1st place in each individual Olympic event will be filled by the fastest 'available' swimmer in the final of that event at the 'Trials'.
- 1.4 The remaining individual and relay Olympic places will be filled as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Priority 1 - the next 3 fastest 'available' swimmers in the individual 100m and 200m Freestyle events will be identified from times recorded in the finals of the relevant events at the 'Trials' and Scottish Nationals.
 - 1.4.2 Priority 2 - the 2nd fastest 'available' swimmer in each individual Olympic event will be identified from times recorded in the finals of that event at the 'Trials' and Scottish Nationals.
 - 1.4.3 Priority 3 - the 5th fastest 'available' swimmer in the 100m and 200m Freestyle events will be considered provided that the cumulative time of the slowest 4 swimmers identified for the 100m & 200m Freestyle events is equal to or faster than the Top 8 time specified in Table 1.
 - 1.4.4 Priority 4 - the 6th fastest 'available' swimmer in the 100m and 200m Freestyle events will be considered provided that the cumulative time of the slowest 4 swimmers identified for the 100m & 200m Freestyle events is equal to or faster than the Top 8 time specified in Table 1.

TABLE 1

FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
Top 8		Top 8
3:39.18	4 x 100 Freestyle	3:13.69
7:55.63	4 x 200 Freestyle	7:10.91

2008 Olympic Prelim Times

A total take-over tolerance of 1.5 seconds will be applied

- 1.5 Where a swimmer has qualified in more than one event, and the GB Head Coach views participation in additional event(s) will detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event due to the World Long Course Championships programme scheduling, then their additional event(s) may be offered instead to the next highest ranked swimmer from times recorded in the finals of that event at the 'Trials' and Scottish Nationals.
- 1.6 If the total number of swimmers identified in 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 exceeds FINA's maximum allowance of 26 men and 26 women, priority will be given to swimmers identified via 1.3 and 1.4.1. Performances of the remaining swimmers will be ranked on the FINA 2008 World LC Rankings (2 per nation) and the highest ranked swimmers will be selected in the priority order specified in 1.4.2-1.5 above.

- 1.7 All selected swimmers are eligible for consideration for all relay teams. The Head Coach will determine the final make-up of the relay teams at the World Long Course Championships 2009 and as such, time trials may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the Head Coach to establish fitness and/or confirm final relay selections.
- 1.8 Entries in non-Olympic events may be offered to Olympic event qualifiers, if the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director view participation in the non-Olympic event will not detract from the swimmer's performance in the Olympic event.

2 COACH SELECTION

- 2.1 The GB Head Coach will act as the Head Coach of the World Long Course Championships 2009.
- 2.2 Two Assistant Coaches will be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director, following the conclusion of the 'Trials' from "available" coaches of athletes selected via 1.3.
- 2.3 Six additional Assistant Coaches will be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with National Performance Director, following the conclusion of Scottish Nationals from "available" coaches of athletes selected for the World Long Course Championships 2009 team.
- 2.4 Coaches must be holders of the ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an ASA Coach Course at time of selection.
- 2.5 Coaches must have been resident within the UK for a minimum period of two years leading into selection, unless employed or deployed by a British or Home Country National Governing Body.

3 GENERAL

- 3.1 The reference to 'available' in the sections above denotes British swimmers and coaches who have declared their availability (as outlined in 3.14) to attend the World Long Course Championships 2009.
- 3.2 Only swimmers eligible and available to represent Great Britain at the World Long Course Championships 2009 will be selected.
- 3.3 Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 3.4 If an equal placing occurs, then the swimmer with the fastest time in the semi finals will be selected (or the fastest time in the heats where there are no semi finals). If said swimmers have recorded an equal time in the semi finals then the swimmer with the fastest time in the heats will be selected. If the said swimmers have recorded an equal time in the heats then a swim-off will be conducted to confirm selection at a time and venue to be determined by the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director.
- 3.5 If an equal ranking occurs when selecting via 1.6, the swimmer with the highest ranking in another 'Trials' event will be selected. If said swimmers have not recorded times in another 'Trials' event or have again recorded an equal ranking in their other 'Trials' event, then the swimmer with the highest FINA 2008 International Point Scores in their 'Trials' event will be selected.
- 3.6 Swimmers must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the World Long Course Championships 2009 as determined by their personal coach and approved by the GB Head Coach. If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fulfill this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team.
- 3.7 **ALL** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** required preparation activities organised between the end of the 'Trials' and World Long Course Championships 2009, if selected and required to attend by the GB Head Coach. Failure to attend the required activities could result in withdrawal from the team. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the National Performance Director.
- 3.8 Team members will be expected to attend each programmed camp, where selected, on a full-time basis, taking part in all programmed activities. No team member will be allowed to leave a camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the camp programme, this includes any external media or social activities.

- 3.9 Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the 'Trials' and the World Long Course Championships 2009 without prior written approval from the GB Head Coach and the National Performance Director.
- 3.10 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time between selection and the World Long Course Championships 2009 must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the discretion of the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director.
- 3.11 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between selection and the conclusion of the World Long Course Championships 2009. Any swimmer judged to be unfit by British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the discretion of the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director.
- 3.12 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the World Long Course Championships 2009 team will be considered by the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.
- 3.13 All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 3.14 **Availability Forms:** all swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete an Availability Form to confirm they will be available to participate in the World Long Course Championships 2009. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation. Availability forms will be posted on the British Swimming website and will also be available for collection at the venue of the 'Trials'. The completed form along with a signed copy of this selection policy must be personally presented to the nominated British Swimming representative(s) at the 'Trials'. Availability forms must be submitted prior to the final session on the last day of the 'Trials'. Athletes unable to personally deliver their Availability form(s) at the 'Trials', may under exceptional circumstances and subject to written approval from the National Performance Director, submit their Availability forms to the British Swimming office prior to the commencement of the 'Trials'.
- 3.15 British Swimming will impose a fine of £500 on any swimmer who withdraws from the team for any reason other than illness or injury (as certified by an independent medical advisor approved by British Swimming Medical Staff).
- 3.16 All team members will be expected to abide by the Media Protocols of the British Swimming Programme. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own performances and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The GB Head Coach and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team.
- 3.17 The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the World Long Course Championships 2009 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the World Long Course Championships 2009.
- 3.18 Any appeals against nominations in relation to this GB Technical Swimming Committee selection policy must be made in accordance with the British Swimming appeals procedures.

**GB Technical Swimming Committee
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